

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	25-027	Meeting:	January 27, 2025
	Agenda Item:	40	Roll Call:	25-0133
	Submitted by:	Mike McTaggart, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Requesting approval to purchase four (4) portable x-ray systems from Safeware, Inc. (4403 Forbes Blvd., Lanham Seabrook, Maryland 20706, Edward A. Simons, President) to support statewide Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) teams. This purchase will be procured through competitive bid process to utilize the State of Iowa Contract No. 19211C and the Omnia Agreement No. 440008468 utilizing the 2024 Homeland Security and Emergency Management grant funds.

SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department recommends the purchase of four (4) portable X-Ray systems from Safeware, Inc. to support the seven (7) statewide EOD teams. This purchase will be funded through the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program (accepted October 7, 2024, Roll Call No. 24-1363). The City is the fiscal agent for the grant award and is responsible for purchasing equipment that must benefit each EOD team to provide a cohesive and coordinated response. There are currently seven (7) certified teams; however, funding in the 2024 grant is not sufficient to purchase a system for each team. Funding to purchase the remaining three (3) systems will be requested in the 2025 Homeland Security and Emergency Management grant application for funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$254,458.24

Funding Source: Special Revenues and Other Funds, Police Department Section, Page 218, Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Adopted Operating Budget

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City of Des Moines serves as the fiscal agent and authorized representative for the administration of the 2024 Homeland Security Grant funds. The city will purchase portable X-Ray equipment to replace aged equipment identified by the EOD Task Force Leadership Committee. The equipment has received approval for purchase from the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Equipment Oversight Committee to support services provided by the statewide EOD teams.
- The grant stipulated that the funding must be used to support all seven (7) certified EOD teams stationed throughout the state. This ensures a cohesive and coordinated response should the teams need to respond anywhere within the state. However, 2024 grant funds are not sufficient to allow

the purchase of seven (7) portable X-Ray systems. The EOD Task Force Leadership Committee approved the purchase of four (4) systems from the 2024 grant and the request for the remaining three (3) systems to be included in the 2025 Homeland Security and Emergency Management grant application.

- The portable X-Ray equipment is used in the detection of explosive ordnances. The requested system is highly portable and can be used in the field to determine the contents of a suspicious package or abandoned bag/backpack. The equipment is operated remotely with the images wirelessly transmitted by secure channels to a handheld notepad so the images can be shared with multiple individuals. The information supports a coordinated action plan to address and dispose of the package.
- The City Procurement Administrator has determined the purchase of this equipment is available from Safeware using the State of Iowa Contract No. 19211C and the Omnia Agreement No. 440008468. The Municipal Code Section 2-726(k) which provides for the procurement of goods and/or services from contracts that have been competitively established by the State of Iowa, without conforming to the competitive bidding requirements of the City's Procurement Division. Once the equipment is purchased and distributed, the individual teams are required to assume the responsibility for any basic maintenance of the equipment.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 7, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1363](#)

Action: [Agreement](#) with Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) for award of 2024 Cybersecurity Risk Reduction Grant and Memorandum of Agreement with HSEMD and State of Iowa Department of Management for HSEMD to retain such grant funding for use by the Department of Management. ([Council Communication No. 24-409](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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